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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF END-USER CERTIFICATE VALIDATION**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, Applicant files this amendment and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.